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## State of Connecticut to hold Public Forum on Health Insurance Exchange

(Hartford, CT) – The State of Connecticut formally announces an upcoming public forum on Health Insurance Exchange development to be held in Bridgeport. The purpose of the forum will be to provide Connecticut residents an opportunity to give feedback on Exchange design as well as learn about the purpose and functions of an Exchange.

Connecticut received federal funding in the Fall of 2010 to conduct research and analysis for the development of a health insurance exchange as required by the federal government. An Exchange is a competitive marketplace for health insurance purchasing and will offer a choice of health plans, establish common rules regarding the offering and pricing of health insurance, and provide information to help consumers better understand the options available to them.

“A critical component in the design and development of an Exchange is gathering information from our residents to ensure that all interests are represented in policy formation. We are dedicated to a comprehensive, meaningful and transparent process and are listening carefully to all thoughts for Exchange goals, policy, and administrative functions,” stated Jeannette DeJesus, Deputy Commissioner and Special Advisor to the Governor for Health Care Reform.

The public forum will offer a presentation describing the basics of an Exchange with the majority of time dedicated to listening to public testimony. The meeting will be held as follows.

Bridgeport, CT

June 15, 2011

6:30-8:00pm

City Council Chambers

45 Lyon Terrace

**For More Information:** [www.ct.gov/opm/exchangegrant](http://www.ct.gov/opm/exchangegrant)